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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Manabu TAKAHASHI, et al. : Customer No.20277
Serial No.: 10/715,848 : Confirmation No.: 3964
Filed: November 19, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 3742
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD : Examiner: QUANG T. VAN

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 21, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct Groups and *Species*:

- Group I - Claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor device; and
- Group II - Claims 9-11, drawn to a control method in an induction heating apparatus.

The Examiner further restricts the application into the following *Species*:

- Species I Figures 1-2;
- Species II Figure 3-4;
- Species III Figure 5-6;
- Species IV Figure 7-8;
- Species V Figures 9-10;

Species VI Figures 16-17; and
Species VII Figures 17-18.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I and Species I (Figures 1-2) – with claims 1-3 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits.


Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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